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1. SUMMARY. VISIT OF SYRIAN PRIME MINISTER TO ROMANIA
APPEARS TO HAVE CONCENTRATED ON ECONOMIC MATTERS, BUT ALSO
FITS CONVENIENTLY INTO EMERGING PATTERN OF GOR ME
CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO EXPECTED RENEWAL OF GENEVA CON-
FERENCE. JORDANIANS HERE SAY HUSSEIN MAY BE NEXT VISITOR.
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SECOND HIGH-LEVEL SYRIAN VISIT OF 1976 IS ALSO REPRESENTATIVE OF UNUSUALLY GOOD RELATIONS CURRENTLY EXISTING
BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. DECEMBER 2326 VISIT TO ROMANIA BY SYRIAN PRIME
MINISTER ABDEL RAHMAN KHLEIFAWI, WHICH FOLLOWED IMMEDIATELY
UPON CONCLUSION OF JOINT BILATERAL ECONOMIC COMMISSION

MEETING (DECEMBER 20-22), ALSO APPEARS TO HAVE CONCEN-
TRATED PRIMARILY ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. EMPHASIS WAS
PUT ON ACCELERATION OF BILATERAL PROJECTS IN FIELDS
OF MACHINE CONSTRUCTION, CHEMICALS, EXTRACTION AND
REFINING OF PETROLLEUM AND MINING. PROTOCOL ON SCIENTIFIC
AND TECHNICAL PRODUCTION WAS ALSO SIGNED. SYRIAN PRIME
MINISTER VISITED SEVERAL ROMANIAN ENTERPRISES WHICH ARE
MANUFACTURING GOODS FOR DELIVERY TO SYRIA, PARTICULARLY
THOSE RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION OF BANIAS REFINERY, ONE
OF LARGEST OF JOINT PROJECTS. COMMUNIQUE CONTAINED
STANDARD LANGUAGE OF POLITICAL SUBJECTS, INCLUDING ME.

3. VISIT IS SECOND HIGH-LEVEL SYRIAN DELEGATION IN
1976 (PRESIDENT ASAS WAS HERE IN JUNE - REF C) AND
POINTS UP STATE OF CURRENT RELATIONS, WHICH APPEAR
UNUSUALLY GOOD, GIVEN BOYCOTT DIFFICULTIES OF PAST
YEAR AND REPORTED SYRIAN OPPOSITION TO ROMANIAN NAM
OBSERVER BID. GOS ROLE IN
LEBANON SITUATION MAY HAVE MOTIVATED SPECIAL ROMANIAN
CULTIVATION. ROMANIAN PRIME MINISTER MANESCU WENT SO
FAR AS TO STATE IN HIS TOAST THAT WITH REGARD TO
"LARGE PROBLEMS WHICH PRESENTLY CONFRONT MANKIND, THE
POSITIONS OF ROMANIA AND SYRIA ARE IDENTICAL OR VERY
CLOSE," A FORMULATION WHICH IS NOT EMPLOYED TOO
FREQUENTLY BY GOR.

4. VISIT ALSO FITS IN CURRENT ROUND OF GOR ME CON-
SULTATIONS BEGUN WITH RECENT ARAFAT AND GOLDMANN
VISITS HERE (REFS A AND B). JORDANIAN AMBASSADOR
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HAS TOLD OUR AMBASSADOR HE EXPECTS KING HUSSEIN HERE
SOMETIME FAIRLY SOON. ACCORDING TO JORDANIAN, DURING
HIS LAST VISIT TO AMMAN, PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELOR
DOICARU, WHO HAS OFTEN VISITED ME IN PAST AS A
CEAUSESCU EMISSARY, URGED HUSSEIN TO TRAVEL TO
ROMANIA IN NEAR FUTURE. APPARENTLY KING IS NOW INCLINED
TO DO SO.
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